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Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2016 4:27 PM
To: Valentine, Greg
Cc: Connor, Patrick; Erik Orsak
Subject: Re: City of Dripping Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility: Permit Nos. TX0136778 (EPA) and WQ0014488003 (TCEQ)
Attachments: 02ETAU00-2017-I-00186 USEPA Dripping Sp TCEQ Permit signed12222016.pdf

Greg,

The attached letter was mailed to you today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Tanya

On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 9:28 AM, Valentine, Greg <valentine.greg@epa.gov> wrote:

Ms. Sommer,

I wanted to follow up on the above reference draft permit ESA review you folks were doing. During our previous conversation you mentioned that a letter was being generated with concerns FWS had pertaining to the Barton Springs Salamander and the Austin Blind Salamander. Could you please provide me with an update as to when we might expect the letter?

Thanks for your assistance and Happy Holidays,

Greg Valentine
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From: Valentine, Greg
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2016 12:54 PM
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Ms. Sommer,

The above referenced draft permit should have been sent to your office for Endangered Species Act (ESA) review sometime around September 6, 2016 (I hope). The permit is high profile because a citizen's group, Protect Our Water (POW) is challenging the permit based on its discharge. Specifically, for discharging nutrients into a waterbody that is already impaired for sulfate (Segment No. 1427 (Onion Creek)) in Hays County, Texas. I am curious if you received this permit and more importantly if you reviewed it and found any issues due to this waterbody being home to the endangered species (Barton Springs Salamander and the Austin Blind Salamander).

Your immediate attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,

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